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Tom Williams, Associate Regional Counsel  
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Dear Mr. Williams:

It is my understanding that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) have been working on a preliminary assessment (PA) under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) for the former Wolverine World Wide (WWW) tannery property in Rockford, Michigan. WWW completed a partial remediation of this site and continues to work with the MDEQ to comply with Michigan's environmental laws. I also understand there are no conditions at this property that present a health threat to the public.

This property is important to future development and enhancement in Rockford. The Continued U.S. EPA and CERCLA involvement will have a significant negative effect on that effort. I have been advised that the remaining environmental issues at the property are being properly addressed by Wolverine with assistance of the MDEQ.

I support their request that the U.S. EPA and DEQ terminate their CERCLA-related activities so that this property can be managed under the Michigan Part 201 Program.

Thank you in advance for your honorable consideration. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Senator Mark Jansen  
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